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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-21 are presently pending in the application.

Election of Species

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single species from those specified as follows:

Species A. Claims 1, 2 and 4-9
Species B. Claims 10-12
Species C. Claims 13 and 15-17
Species D. Claims 18 and 19
Species E. Claim 20
Species F. Claim 21

Applicant elects Species A, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any other fee

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required by this document, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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